

Applicant: Pauli Koutonen  
Application No.: 09/905,550  
Art Unit: 3654

1. (Twice Amended) A method for winding and slitting a paper web, comprising the steps of:

dividing a web longitudinally into a plurality of slit webs of first selected widths;  
winding the slit webs about roll centers, to form rolls at a winding station;  
periodically cutting the web in a cross machine direction with a web-severing device in conjunction with a roll set change on the winding station, wherein the improvement comprising:  
slitting the web with a first slitter assembly adjusted to the first selected widths, while a second slitter assembly is adjusted into second selected slitting width positions which are different than the first selected widths, followed by cutting the web in the cross machine direction with the web-severing device, followed by slitting the web with the second slitter assembly, while the first slitter assembly is adjusted into alternative selected slitting width positions.

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Please add the following new claim:

21. (New) A method for winding and slitting a paper web, comprising the steps of: dividing a web longitudinally into a plurality of slit webs of first selected widths; winding the slit webs about roll centers, to form rolls at a winding station; periodically cutting the web in a cross machine direction with a web-severing device in conjunction with a roll set change on the winding station, wherein the improvement comprises: slitting the web with a first slitter assembly adjusted to the first selected widths, while a second slitter assembly is adjusted into second selected slitting width positions which are different than the first selected widths, followed by cutting the web in the cross machine direction with the web-severing device, followed by slitting the web with the second slitter assembly, while the first slitter assembly is adjusted into alternative selected slitting width positions; and wherein, during the roll set change of the winding operation, the first slitter assembly is driven into an open position in order to produce a desired length of full-width web followed by the step of using the web-severing device to apply glue or similar adhesive to an area of the full-width web, after which the second slitter assembly is driven into a slitting position in order to divide the web into slit webs.

#### Remarks

Claims 1-11, and 13-21 remain pending in the application. In the Office Action dated Aug. 30, 2002, claims 1-5 were rejected as anticipated by *Stefanoni*, and claims 1-11 and 13-20 were rejected as unpatentable over *Stefanoni* in view of applicant-submitted prior art.

The examiner's courtesy during the telephone interview conducted on September 13, 2002, is acknowledged with appreciation. During the interview the reference 5,217,177 to *Stefanoni*